

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 27, 2004

A Myrtle Beach man has been arrested this afternoon in connection with the escape of two S.C. Department of Corrections inmates on Sunday July 25, 2004, from Evans Correctional Institution. Christopher A. Rodabaugh, 18, of 4472 Pearlie Lane, Myrtle Beach, S.C. has been charged with **Aiding an Escape**. Rodabaugh was arrested at approximately 2:45 p.m. this afternoon and booked at the Marlboro County Detention Center. He is being held on a \$50,000 surety bond.

Authorities have also obtained a warrant and issued a nationwide alert to law enforcement agencies for Wendy Joan Crume in connection to the escape. Crume, 27, of 945 Mashfield Apartment 303, Myrtle Beach, S.C., may be in a Silver 1997 Acura, two-door sedan, South Carolina tag number 6185AW. Individuals with information regarding the escape should contact the S.C. Law Enforcement Division at 803-737-9000 or the S.C. Department of Corrections at 803-896-2258.

The arrest is a result of an ongoing investigation conducted by SLED, the S.C. Department of Corrections, the U.S. Marshals, Marlboro County Sheriff's office and the Bennettsville City Police Department. The case will be prosecuted by the Fourth Circuit Solicitor's Office.

*** Warrants Attached**

ARREST WARRANT

H-751264

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
 MARLBORO COUNTY

 THE STATE
 against

CHRISTOPHER A RODABAUGH

Address: 4472 PEARLIE LANE

MYRTLE BEACH SC - 0000

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: W Height: Weight:

DL State: DL #: Agency ORI#:

DOB: 9/17/93

Prosecuting Agency: DAVID KNIGHT

Prosecuting Officer: DAVID KNIGHT

Offense: ESCAPE/AIDING ESCAPE FRO

M CUSTODY OF OFF Offense Code: 0004

Code/Ordinance Sec. 16-09-0420

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
 MARLBORO COUNTY

The accused

is to be arrested and brought before me to be

dealt with according to law

Signature of Judge (L.S.)

Date: 7/27/04

Signature of Judge

RETURN

 A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
 defendant CHRISTOPHER A RODABAUGH

 Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer
 [Signature]

RETURN WARRANT TO:

 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of
 MARLBORO COUNTY)

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me the affiant DAVID KNIGHT

who

 being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant CHRISTOPHER A RODABAUGH
 did within this county and state on 7/25/04 violate the criminal laws of the

 State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of)
 in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: ESCAPE/AIDING ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY OF OFF

 I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
 the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

 IN THAT THE DEFENDANT DID AID TWO INMATES ROBERT DIEHL & JOHNATHAN
 MELTON IN ESCAPING FROM EVANS CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE HWY 9 WEST
 BENNETTSVILLE, S.C. IN MARLBORO COUNTY BY CUTTING THE BACK OUTER
 FENCE. SLED INVESTIGATORS LEARNED FROM TWO SOURCES THAT WEDNESDAY
 7-21-04 CHRISTOPHER RODABAUGH AND WINDY CRUME PURCHASED THE ITEMS
 USED TO CUT THE FENCE FROM WAL MART IN CONWAY, S.C.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
 MARLBORO COUNTY)

Affiant's Address: 4400 BROAD RIVER ROAD

COLUMBIA

SC 29501 - 0000

Affiant's Telephone: 803 737-9000

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

If appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on 7/25/04 defendant CHRISTOPHER A RODABAUGH

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: ESCAPE/AIDING ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY OF OFF

 Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said
 defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to
 the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 7/27/04

 Signature of Issuing Judge
 [Signature] (L.S.)

 Judge's Address: 211 N MARLBORO STREET
 BENNETTSVILLE SC 29512 - 0000
 Judge's Telephone: 843 479-5620
 Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

ORIGINAL

ARREST WARRANT

H-751265

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
MARLBORO COUNTYTHE STATE
against

WINDY CRUME

Address: 945 WASHFIELD APT 303

MYRTLE BEACH SC - 0000

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: Race: W Height: Weight:

DL State: DL #: Agency ORI#:

DOB: 1/31/77

Prosecuting Agency: SLED

Prosecuting Officer: DAVID KNIGHT

Offense: ESCAPE/AIDING ESCAPE FROM

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Date:

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on

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
MARLBORO COUNTY

AFFIDAVIT

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who

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant WINDY CRUME

did within this county and state on 7/25/04

violate the criminal laws of the

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In the following particulars:

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BENNETTSVILLE, S.C. IN MARLBORO COUNTY BY CUTTING THE BACK OUTER
FENCE. DEFENDANT DID TRANSPORT THE INMATES AWAY FROM THE
INSTITUTION. SLED LEARNED FROM INMATE INTERVIEWS THAT THE ESCAPE
HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR MONTHS AND THAT WINDY CRUME WOULD ASSIST.
AGENTS ALSO LEARNED THAT CRUME DISCUSSED THE ESCAPE WITH SEVERAL
FAMILY MEMBERS. ON 7-21-04 WINDY CRUME AND CHRISTOPHER RODABAUGH
PURCHASED ITEMS USED IN THE ESCAPE FROM WAL MART IN CONWAY, S.C.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
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COLUMBIA SC 29501 - 0000

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ARREST WARRANT

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the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 7/27/04

David Knight

(L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge

Judge Code: 5979

Judge's Address: 211 N MARLBORO STREET

BENNETTSVILLE SC 29512 - 0000

Judge's Telephone: 843 479-5620

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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